

Nov 3, 2006

Mr. David Lavery  
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Dear Mr. Lavery:

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) final programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Development of Advanced Radioisotope Power Systems.

This final programmatic EIS addresses the potential environmental impacts of developing two new types of radioisotope power systems. NASA would also continue research and development of alternative radioisotope power systems and power converter technologies to meet future mission needs.

EPA believes that this final programmatic EIS provides an adequate discussion of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed actions. Therefore, EPA has no objection to the proposed actions.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this final EIS. The staff contact for this review is Ken Mittelholtz (202-564-7156).

Sincerely,

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Director  
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